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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA

1. FYI. PRESIDENT FORD HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, QUOTE MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT
IL Y A DEUX CENTS ANS LES REPRESENTANTS DES CITOYENS
AMERICAINS ANIMES PAR UN IDEAL DE PAIX DE DEMOCRATIE ET DE
LIBERTE ONT DECLARE SOLENNELLEMENT L'INDEPENDANCE DE LEUR
PAYS ET LEUR VOLONTE D'ASSUMER LEUR PROPRE DESTIN. DEPUIS
CET EVENEMENT L'AMERQUE A DONNE AU MONDE L'EXEMPLE D'UN
PEUPLE QUI A SU GRACE A SON ARDEUR ET SA FOI FORGER LA PLUS
GRANDE PUISSANCE MONDIALE. JE VOUDRAIS ICI RENDRE HOMMAGE
A L'ESPRIT D'INITIATIVE ET A LA CREATIVITE DE SON PEUPLE
DONT L'APPORT A HAUTEMENT CONTRIBUE A LA PROGRESSION DU
SAVOIR ET AU DEVELOPPEMENT DU BIEN ETRE. AUJOURDHUI LES
ETATS UNIS SE TROUVENT INVESTIS SUR LE PLAN INTERNATIONAL
D'UNE RESPONSABILITE A LA MESURE DE LEUR PUISSANCE ET LE
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ROLE QUI LEUR ECHOIT DANS LA SOLUTION EQUITABLE DES

PROBLEMES COMPLEXES ET VARIES DE NOTRE PLANETE REVET UNE
IMPORTANCE CAPITALE. C'EST UN MOTIF DE GRANDE SATISFACTION
POUR MOI EN CE JOUR OU TOUTE L'AMERIQUE CELEBRE SON
BICENTENAIRE DE CONSTATER QUE LES RELATIONS TRADITIONNELLES
ET AMICALES ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS SE SONT CONSOLIDEES AU FIL

DES JOURS ET QUE NOS DEUX PEUPLES SE
SENTENT UNIS PAR UNE FOI COMMUNE EN UN AVENIR FONDE SUR
LES IDEAUX DE DEMOCRATIE DE PAIX ET DE COOPERATION. EN
CETTE HEUREUSE OCCASION PERMETTEZ MOI, MONSIEUR LE
PRESIDENT, DE VOUS EXPRIMER TANT EN MON NOM PERSONNEL
QU' AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT ET DU PEUPLE TUNISIENS NOS
VOEUX LES PLUS CHALEUREUX POUR VOTRE BONHEUR PERSONNEL
ET POUR LE PROGRES ET LA PROSPERITE DE LA GRANDE NATION
AMERICAINE. HABIB BOURGUIBA PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE
TUNISIENNE. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, ON
BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU
FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE. YOUR THOUGHTFUL WORDS BROUGHT TO MIND MY
ENJOYABLE AND INFORMATIVE MEETING JULY 2 WITH YOUR SON,
HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR., AND HIS PRESENTATION OF THAT
SPLENDID GOLDEN OLIVE TREE AS A BICENTENNIAL GIFT FROM
TUNISIA TO THE UNITED STATES. AS A UNIVERSAL SIGN OF
PEACE, FRUITFULNESS AND PERMANANCE, THE OLIVE TE
IS A MOST APPROPRIATE SYMBOL OF THE EXCELLENT
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES
REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF
LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH
THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY,
GERALD R.FORD. END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF GOT WISHES
TO DO SO. KISSINGER
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